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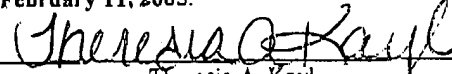
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Inventor: Stephen T. Pounds

Title: FRAMING SYSTEM FOR  
SECURING AND DISPLAYING  
FLAT SHEET MATERIALS

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**COMMUNICATION REGARDING DECLARATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sirs:

Ms. Kay Pinkney of the Publication Department contacted the undersigned on Wednesday, February 9, 2005 regarding the above-referenced application. Ms. Pinkney indicated that the Declaration of record was of the type that is used when an Application Data Sheet is filed with the application. Ms. Pinkney indicated that the ADS was missing from the above-referenced application file. Ms. Pinkney asked that the ADS be sent by facsimile so that the file would be complete.

After a review of the application file, it was discovered that no ADS was ever filed and that the error in filing an ADS-type Declaration without the ADS was inadvertent. The undersigned's secretary contacted Ms. Pinkney who determined that we should send by fax, a copy of a regular Declaration form filled out, but be left unsigned, and that we should indicate that the inventor had signed the previous Declaration. The

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Declaration is enclosed.

The undersigned is also submitting herewith an ADS containing the inventor information. This ADS is being submitted prior to payment of the issue fee.

Applicants believe that no fee is due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 50-0852.

Respectfully submitted,

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Examiner Name

Joanne Silbermann

I hereby declare that:

Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**FRAMING SYSTEM FOR SECURING AND DISPLAYING FLAT SHEET MATERIALS**

(Title of the Invention)

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

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